IPS-PA480

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WARNING

CAUTION!

Keep this system away from rain and moisture!

FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY, PLEASE READ THIS USER MANUAL CAREFULLY BEFORE YOUR INITIAL START-UP!

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Every person involved with the installation, operation and maintenance of this system have to:

- be qualified
- follow the instructions of this manual

CAUTION! Be careful with your operations.
With a dangerous voltage you can suffer
a dangerous electric shock when touching the wires!

Before you initial start-up, please make sure that there is no damage caused by transportation. Should there be any, consult your dealer and do not use the system.

To maintain perfect condition and to ensure a safe operation, it is absolutely necessary for the user to follow the safety instructions and warning notes written in this manual.

Please consider that damages caused by manual modifications to the system are not subject to warranty.

This system contains no user-serviceable parts. Refer servicing to qualified technicians only.

IMPORTANT:

The manufacturer will not accept liability for any resulting damages caused by the non-observance of this manual or any unauthorized modification to the system.

- Never let the power-cord come into contact with other cables! Handle the power-cord and all connections with the mains with particular caution!
- Never remove warning or informative labels from the unit.
- Never use anything to cover the ground contact.
- Do not insert objects into air vents.
- Do not connect this system to a dimmerpack.
- Do not switch the system on and off in short intervals, as this would reduce the system's life.
- Do not open the device and do not modify the device.
- Do not open this device. Risk: hazardous radiation exposure.
- Only use system indoor, avoid contact with water or other liquids.
- Avoid flames and do not put close to flammable liquids or gases.
- Always disconnect power from the mains, when system is not used. Only handle the power-cord by the plug. Never pull out the plug by tugging the power-cord.
- Make sure you don't use the wrong kind of cables or defective cables.
- Make sure that the signals into the mixer are balanced, otherwise hum could be created.
- Make sure you use DI boxes to balance unbalanced signals; All incoming signals should be clear.
- Make sure that the available voltage is not higher than stated on the rear panel.
- Make sure that the power-cord is never crimped or damaged. Check the system and the power-cord from time to time.

- Make sure that the amplifier is turned down, before turning the power on or off. So you can avoid supersonic frequencies, which could damage your speakers.
- Don't put your equipment next to TV, radio, etc., because of interference or distortion.
- If you connect other parts of the system, be careful of ground loops.
- The best way to avoid ground loops is connecting the electrical system ground to one central point ("star" system). In this case the mixer can act as a central point.
- Before changing the ground, always turn off your amplifier.
- Please read this manual carefully and keep it for future reference. Remember that the amplifier has a better value on the market, if you save the carton and all packing materials.
- Always operate the unit with the AC ground wire connected to the electrical system ground.
- Connecting amplifier outputs to oscilloscopes or other test equipment, while the amplifier is in bridged mode, may damage both the amplifier and test equipment.
- Do not drive the inputs with a signal level bigger, than required to drive the equipment to full output.
- In system setup, the amplifier's output power must be 50%-100% more than the loaded loudspeakers rated power.
- Please turn off the power switch, when changing the power cord or signal cable, or select the input mode switch.
- In typical use, please set the volume at 0dB position.
- Sometimes, when you want to send one signal to more than one amplifier, you should use a signal distributor.
- If your Dap Audio device fails to work properly, discontinue use immediately. Pack the unit securely (preferably in the original packing material), and return it to your Dap Audio dealer for service.
- Allow time to cool down, before cleaning or servicing.
- For replacement use fuses of same type and rating only.
- Prevent distortion! Make sure that all components connected to the device have sufficient power ratings. Otherwise distortion will be generated because the components are operated at their limits.
- Avoid ground loops! Always be sure to connect the power amps and the mixing console to the same electrical circuit to ensure the same phase!
- If system is dropped or struck, disconnect mains power supply immediately. Have a qualified engineer inspect for safety before operating.
- If the system has been exposed to drastic temperature fluctuation (e.g. after transportation), do not switch it on immediately. The arising condensation water might damage your system. Leave the system switched off until it has reached room temperature.
- This device falls under protection class I. Therefore it is essential to connect the yellow/green conductor to earth.
- Repairs, servicing and electric connection must be carried out by a qualified technician.
- WARRANTY: Till one year after date of purchase.

OPERATING DETERMINATIONS

If this system is operated in any other way, than the one described in this manual, the product may suffer damages and the warranty becomes void.
Any other operation may lead to dangers like short-circuit, burns, electric shock, etc.

You endanger your own safety and the safety of others!

Improper installation can cause serious damage to people and property !

Description of the device

Features

The IPS-PA480 is a professional high power Public Adress Amplifier:

- One balanced XLR and one 6.3 stereo input socket
- LED indicators for PROT/ TEMP/ CLIP/ SIG
- High power output, rated power is 480W (RMS)
- Low impedance 4Ω, 8Ω and high voltage 70V/ 100V output
- Supplied speaker protection circuit and signal compressor circuit

Frontpanel

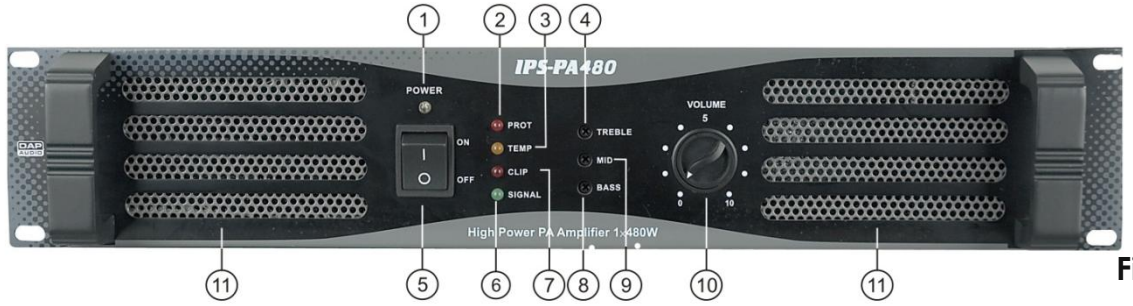

Fig. 1

1. **Power LED.**
   Indicates that the amplifier is turned on.
2. **Prot LED.**
   Indicates that the amplifier is in protection mode. This either caused by a short circuit in the output load or a mismatch of impedance. Check that the impedance of your speakers matches the output. In case of using the 70V or 100V outputs this means that your total speaker-power may never exceed 480W. Using less power this is no problem in 100V systems.
   In case you're using the low impedance outputs (4 or 8 Ω) make sure your speaker impedance matches the output impedance. The total speaker-power should be at least 480W.
3. **Clip LED.**
   The LED lights up when the distortion exceeds 0.5%. This means that the output-signal is too strong, so you should reduce the input-signal. If the LED lights up half or slightly, it means auto compression Function starts. If it's fully on, it means that the input-signal is too strong and has exceeded the compression range.
4. **Treble.**
   Use to adjust the treble frequencies to your preference.
5. **AC Power Switch.**
   This is the main Power switch. Press to turn the amplifier on.
6. **Signal LED.**
   The LED lights up when the output is above 200mV.
7. **Temp LED.**
   These LEDs will light if the amplifier runs to hot and the unit is temperature protection mode. The unit doesn't restart until the temperature drops to a safe value.
8. **Bass.**
   Use to adjust the Bass frequencies to your preference.
9. **Mid.**
   Use to adjust the Mid frequencies to your preference.
10. **Volume**
    Use to adjust the volume level.
11. **Air entrance.**
    IPS-PA Series amplifiers are cooled by a single, rear-mounted fan, Cool air flows over the heat sinks And exhausts through the rear grills, Make sure these outlets remain clear to allow unrestricted air flow.

Backpanel

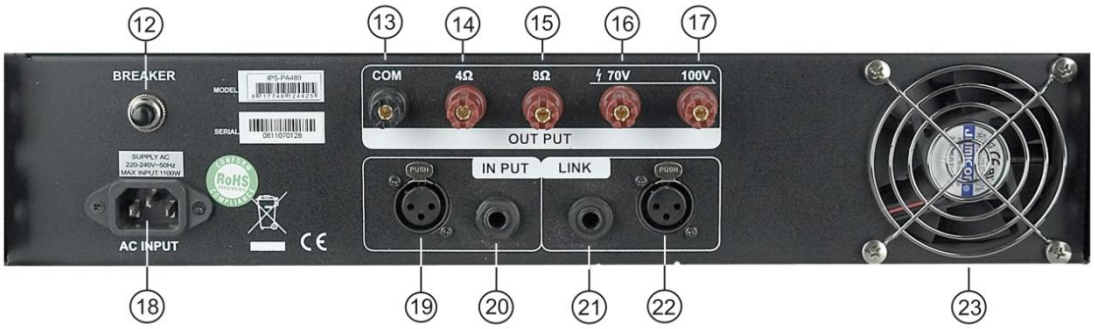

Fig. 2

12. Auto Fuse.

13. Common terminal.
Connect this terminal with the – terminal of your speaker(s).

14. 4 Ω terminal.
Connect this terminal to the + terminal of your 4 Ω speaker(s). In case of using several speakers **make sure that the total speaker load is 4 Ω. The total power rating of the low impedance speakers should be at least 480W.**

15. 8 Ω terminal.
Connect this terminal to the + terminal of your 8 Ω speaker(s). In case of using several speakers **make sure that the total speaker load is 8 Ω. The total power rating of the low impedance speakers should be at least 480W.**

16. 70V terminal.
Connect this terminal to the + terminal of your 70V speaker(s). In case of using several speakers make sure all speakers are wired in parallel. **The total power rating of the 100V-speakers should never exceed 480W.**

17. 100V terminal.
Connect this terminal to the + terminal of your 100V speaker(s). In case of using several speakers make sure all speakers are wired in parallel. **The total power rating of the 100V-speakers should never exceed 480W.**

18. Mains Cord
Connect to the mains.

19. Balanced XLR Input Connector.
These connectors accept input signals on XLR input plugs, See the section on connecting cables on page 8/9 for information on polarity.

20. Unbalanced Jack Input Connector.
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21. Balanced Link Out connector.
Used to Link the input signals to other amplifiers.

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23. Air cooling window
Make sure these inlet remains clear to allow unrestricted air flow.

Operation

Installation
Remove all packing materials from the IPS-PA480. Check that all foam and plastic padding is removed. Secure the equipment into a 19" rack. Connect all cables.

Connecting Power / Circuit Size Requirements.
The actual current draw, the amplifier demands from the AC mains, depends on many factors (its load, output level or the crest factor of its program material).

The power requirement is rated under typical music conditions, with both channels driven so those peaks are just at the clipping point.

Make sure the mains voltage is correct and is the same as printed on the rear of the amplifier. Damage caused by connecting the amplifier to improper AC voltage is not covered by any warranty. Unless otherwise specified when ordered. DAP audio amplifiers shipped to customers are configured as follows:

North America 120VAC/60Hz
Europe 230VAC/50Hz
Asia 220VAC /50Hz/60Hz
Australia 240VAC/50Hz
South America 120VAC/60Hz or 220VAC/50Hz
Japan 100VAC/50Hz

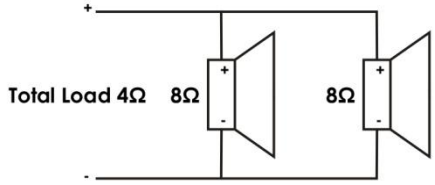
NOTE: Always turn off and disconnect the amplifier from mains voltage before making audio connections. Also, as an extra precaution, have the attenuators turned down during power-up.

Connecting Inputs.
Use the XLR input connectors on the rear to supply audio signals to your DAP Audio IPS-PA- Series amplifier. The connectors accept balanced and unbalanced audio connections. (The IPS-PA- Series amplifiers are configured standard with "Pin 2 hot" on XLR inputs. The Link connector can be used to loop the audio Input to another amplifier Input. For more Information, see the section on Connection cables page 10.

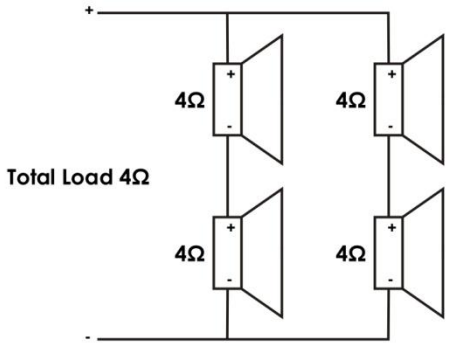
Connecting Outputs.
Speakers are connected using terminal connectors. See the examples below and following page.

Low impedance outputs
You can use as many speakers as you want as long as the total impedance matches the amplifiers output.

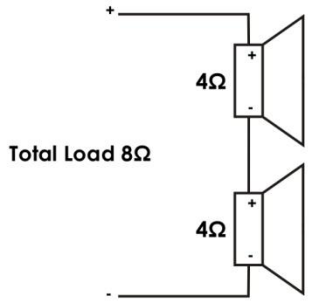
Example 1: using the 4Ω output with two 8Ω speakers.



Example 2: using the 4Ω output with four 4Ω speakers



Example 3: using the 8Ω output with two 4Ω speakers.

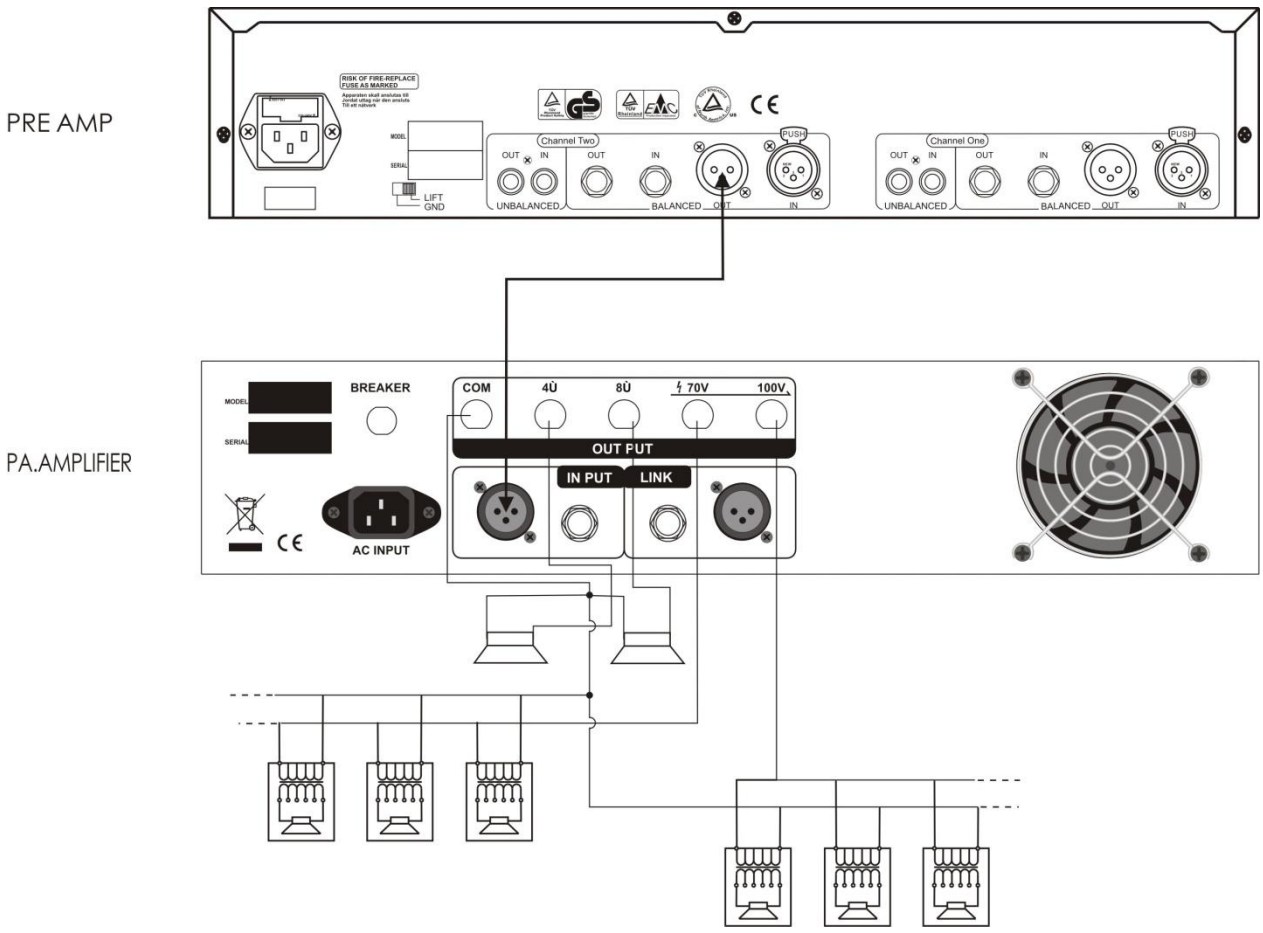


High impedance outputs

If using either the 70V outputs or the 100V outputs, note that all speakers should be wired in parallel.

The total power of all speakers summed together should never exceed the total power of the amplifier in a 70V or a 100V system!

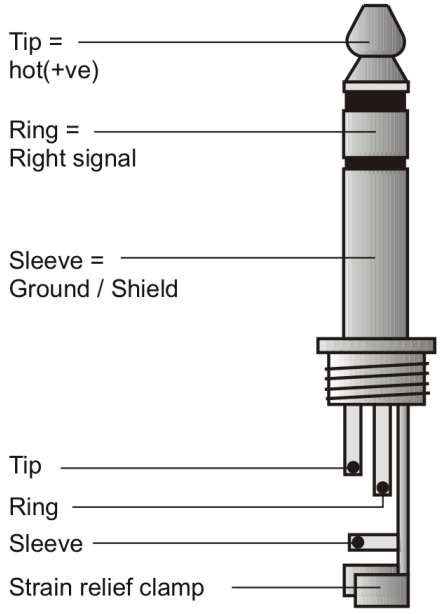
Setup example



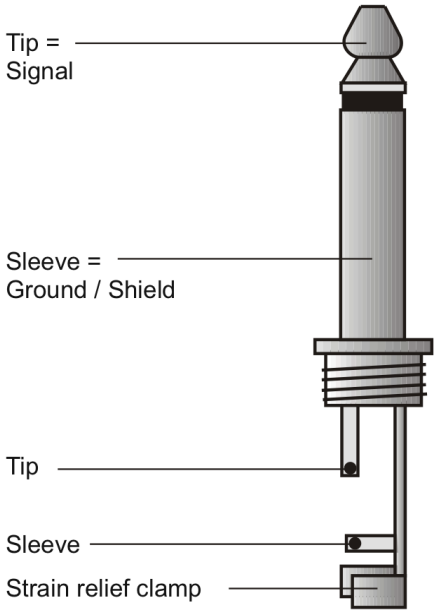
Connection Cables

Take care of the connector cables, always holding them by the connectors and avoiding knots and twists when coiling them: This gives the advantage of increasing their life and reliability, which is always to your advantage.
Periodically check that your cables are in good condition, that they are correctly wired and that all their contacts are in good condition: a great number of problems (faulty contacts, ground hum, discharges, etc.) are caused entirely by using unsuitable or faulty cables.

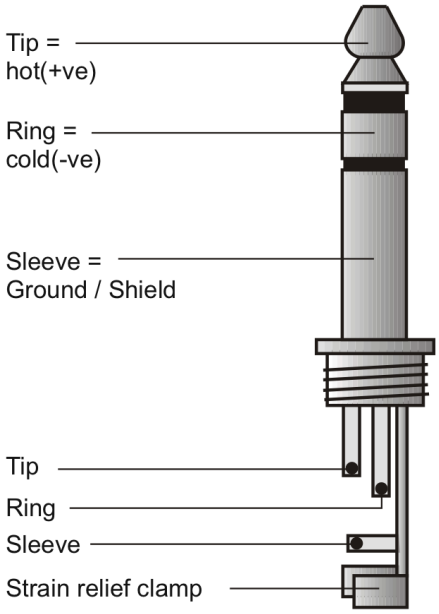
Headphones plug



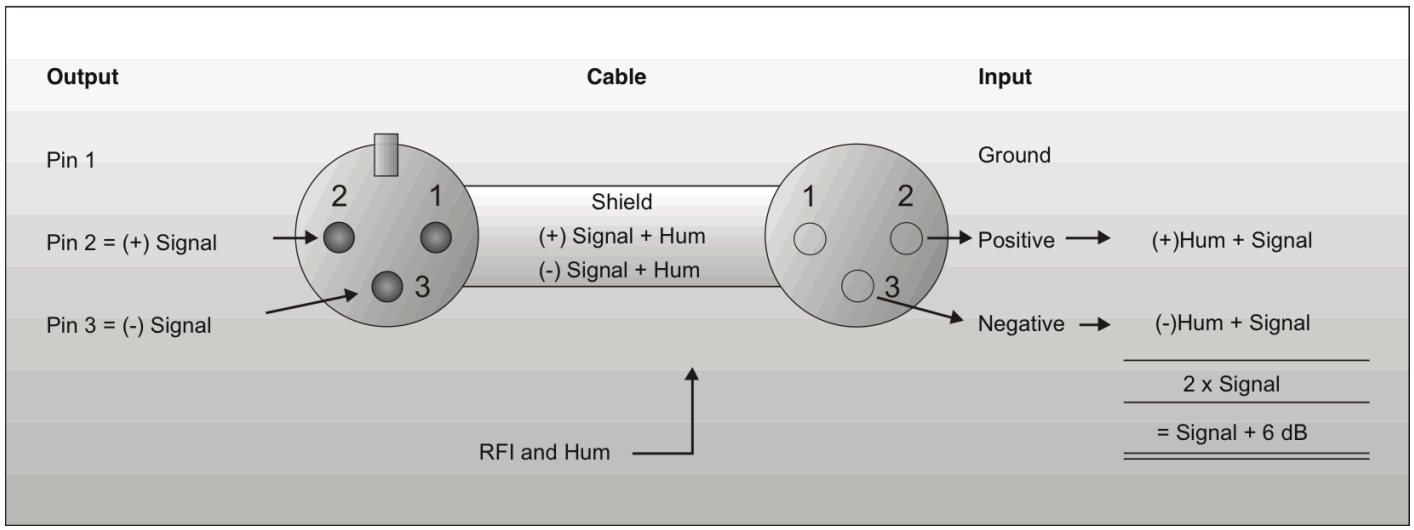
Unbalanced mono 1/4" jack plug

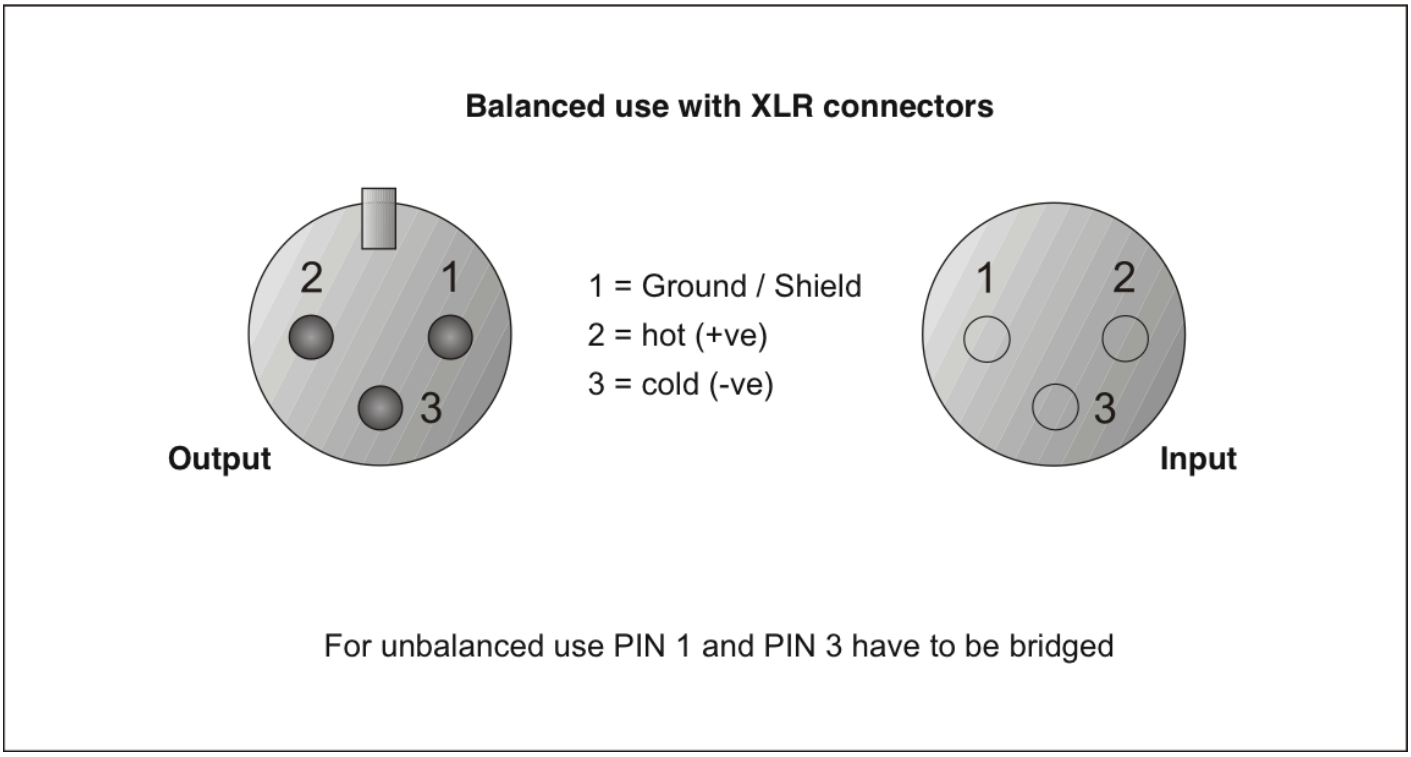


Balanced mono 1/4" jack



Compensation of interference with balanced connections





Maintenance

The DAP Audio IPS-PA-series requires almost no maintenance. However, you should keep the unit clean. Disconnect the mains power supply, and then wipe the cover with a damp cloth. Do not immerse in liquid. Do not use alcohol or solvents.
Keep connections clean. Disconnect electric power, and then wipe the audio connections with a damp cloth. Make sure connections are thoroughly dry before linking equipment or supplying electric power.

Replacing a Fuse

You don't have to replace a fuse on this device. The fuse is an automatic fuse, which means in case of a power surge, short-circuit or inappropriate electrical power supply, you simply have to push the reset-button on the back, and the unit will function as before. You may want to check why the problem occurred, so you can prevent this in the future.

Troubleshooting

DAP Audio IPS-PA-series Amplifiers.
This troubleshooting guide is meant to help solve simple problems. If a problem occurs, carry out the steps below in sequence until a solution is found. Once the unit operates properly, do not carry out following steps.

1. If the device does not operate properly, unplug the device.
2. Check the fuse, power from the wall, all cables, etc.
3. If all of the above appears to be O.K., plug the unit in again.
4. If you are unable to determine the cause of the problem, do not open the amplifier, as this may damage the unit and the warranty will become void.
5. Return the amplifier to your Dap Audio dealer.

Product Specifications

Model:	DAP Audio IPS-PA480
Power supply:	230 VAC
Fuse:	Autofuse
Output power capacity:	480W (RMS)
Outputs for speakers:	4Ω, 8Ω
Outputs for speakers:	70V-100V
Frequency response:	50-25,000Hz (±3dB)
Total harmonic distortion:	≤ 0.5%(1KHz-nominal power capacity)
Signal / noise ratio:	>90dB
Input impedance:	20k Balanced
Additional outputs:	link unbalanced/ balanced Jack/ XLR
Tone control:	Bass, Mid, Treble
Indicator:	PROT_ LED, TEMP_LED, CLIP_LED, SIGNAL_ LED
Dimensions :	483 x 400 x 89 mm (LxWxH)
Weight :	22,74 kg

Design and product specifications are subject to change without prior notice.

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